

Torrance, California
March 17, 1931.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers, at Torrance, California, March 17th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Trustees: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

Absent: Trustees: None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of March 3rd., 1931, be adopted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Los Angeles County General Hospital, under date of March 12, 1931, addressed to Mr. A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, in reply to his letter of February 28th., 1931, stating that application should be made to the Admitting Physician of the County Hospital to have them handle the emergencies affecting the indigent in County territory near the City of Torrance.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Clerk be authorized to send a copy of this letter to the Torrance Hospital Association and that will show them that we have done our part.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles, under date of March 13, 1931, addressed to Mr. John Dennis, Mayor, with reference to the improvement of certain streets in Tract No. 9306 in the recently annexed portion of

Torrance and stating that when said Tract was recorded a faithful performance bond was given to guarantee that the streets would be improved by grading and surfacing with decomposed granite. This work was not done, and the Board ordered the County Counsel to start suit against sureties to compel the faithful performance of the work. Since the annexation of this Tract to Torrance the Road Commissioner has recommended that suit be abandoned, and they were asking if this is agreeable with the City of Torrance.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Engineer be instructed to look into this and report to the Council,

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read letters from the following companies, who granted consent to the City of Torrance for the removal of trees and stumps from their property facing on Sepulveda Boulevard:

Pacific Western Oil Company, 714 West 7th. Street, Los Angeles.
Fullerton Oil Company, 510 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.
Standard Oil Company of California, Standard Oil Bldg., Los Angeles.
Mr. John Holm, Torrance, California.
Mr. Frank H. Steinhelber, Torrance, California.
Trustee Steiner moved that all these letters be filed.
Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mr. Wm. Kettler, under date of March 16th., 1931, addressed to the City Council, and stating that in the matter of annexation of North Lomita they do not wish to be included in the annexation.

No action was taken on this letter.

Oral communications were next in order.

Judge Rippy from the audience again urged the Council to call the North Lomita Annexation Election as soon as possible as the Board of Supervisors will continue their election for eight weeks on the ground that the City of Torrance has jurisdiction.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the necessary resolution calling an election in South Torrance in pursuance of petitions heretofore filed on May 1st., 1929. Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	TRUSTEES:	Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.
NOES:	"	None.
ABSENT:	"	None.

Mr. Quandt in the audience stated that there should be fire hydrants placed at various places in Walteria, and that he would be willing to install the hydrants if the City of Torrance is willing to pay for the installation. If there is any way of cancelling the payment of 2% of his gross income each year to the City of Torrance, he would be willing to install the hydrants at his own expense.

Trustee Smith stated that there was no doubt about the necessity of fire hydrants, and read a letter from the Fire Chief designating where he would like fire hydrants installed.

Mayor Dennis stated that it was the first he knew that Mr. Quandt paid 2% of his gross income to the City of Torrance, and did not believe it just to exact 2% on a small water system, and let the larger companies get by without paying anything.

Attorney Briney stated that it was a state law that a person having a franchise had to pay 2% of his gross income, and there is no way of rebating any of it.

After further discussion on this matter, Trustee Smith moved that this communication be referred to the City Attorney to check up with a recommendation to the Council for action.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 489.

CHANGING THE NAMES OF LONG BEACH AND REDONDO ROAD, STATE STREET (in Tract No. 454) CAMINO REAL AND LONG BEACH AND REDONDO BEACH ROAD TO SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 489 be adopted.
Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 490.

CHANGING THE NAMES OF REDONDO BOULEVARD AND PORTION OF EL PRADO TO TORRANCE BOULEVARD.

Trustee Nelson moved that Resolution No. 490 be adopted.
Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 491.

CHANGING THE NAME OF WESTON STREET OR WILMINGTON SALT WORKS ROAD TO LOMITA BOULEVARD.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 491 be adopted.
Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the water suit, that the petition was being submitted to the Attorneys' for any suggested changes, and provided there were none, it would be filed. Mr. Beebe has told Attorney Briney that changes have been suggested, and he expected to have it ready to file by the first of this week. Attorney Briney stated that it would probably be filed by tomorrow, the 18th.

Attorney Briney had nothing to report with reference to the extension of Prairie Avenue.

Attorney Briney was excused from the meeting at 8:35 P. M.

Mayor Dennis stated that there has been a great deal of heavy trucking on Amapola Avenue lately, and this is very dangerous, as the street is only 20 feet wide, and when cars are parked on both sides it does not leave much room for a truck to pass through, also the pavement is very light and will not stand the loads.

Trustee Nelson moved that the Street Superintendent be authorized to erect "No Heavy Trucking" signs on intersections with Carson Street and Redondo Boulevard from Cedar Avenue to Cota Avenue not inclusive.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid.
Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

Mr. Bob Deininger in the audience stated that he understood the City of Torrance is about to become interested in park sites, and a certain group in Torrance had a very good piece of land which they will sell to the City of Torrance, located at Carson Street and Madrona Avenue.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Clerk make a note of this fact, and keep it on record.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The annual audit was brought up and discussed as to whether the City should have an audit on a quarterly basis or annually.
No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9: P. M.

A. N. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.